

Delta e-News

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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Contact us at delta@water.ca.gov

Delta protection panel seeks public comment using online questions

The Delta Protection Commission is updating its 1995 Land Use and Resource Management Plan and wants the public's help. You can submit comments on the plan's revision [here](#). It would be helpful to have a copy of the 1995 plan handy when answering the questions. The full text of the 1995 Plan, including the goals and policies for individual elements, can be downloaded [here](#).



Climate change, groundwater subject of session

The Groundwater Resources Association of California will hold a symposium focusing on the implications of climate change for groundwater supplies on Aug. 13 in Sacramento. [Find more information here.](#)

Scientists to discuss how best to study Delta salmon, pumping

A CALFED panel and the National Marine Fisheries Service will meet next Tuesday in Sacramento to review how the State Water Project and Central Valley Project coordinate operations in the Delta (called an Operations Criteria And Plan or OCAP) and the operations' effect on salmon (called a Biological Opinion). The review is to help NMFS develop a revised OCAP BO because the previous one didn't stand up in court. It failed to comply with the federal Endangered Species Act. The new OCAP BO may affect current pumping and flows in the Delta. [Read the meeting announcement.](#)

Delta Vision paper focuses on economics of state's water use

A paper recently submitted to the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force examines the economic efficiency of water use and allocation in California. It was written by economist Roger Mann. The paper identifies key issues related to the economic efficiency of water development, allocation and use in California and discusses general policy changes that might improve economic efficiency. [You can find the paper online here.](#)



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